

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings for minor informalities and requests that corrections be made to Figs. 11B and 5. Applicants have amended Figs. 11B and 5 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Specification

The Examiner also objects to the specification for informalities therein . Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions (and the amendments made and entered in the parent application). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 23, 29 and 32 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Minemier et al. (US 6,093,938). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 23, 29 and 32 as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 5 and 11B, as requested by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Claims 23 and 32 have been amended to recite “wherein at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate has a light transmittance property”;

Claim 29 has been amended to recite “wherein the first substrate has a light transmittance property”;

Claims 23 and 32 have been amended to recite forming a thin film transistor and a pixel electrode over the first substrate;

Claim 29 has been amended to recite “wherein a drying agent is provided between the first substrate and the second substrate”; and

Claim 29 has been amended to recite “forming a light emitting element over a first substrate.”

Applicants respectfully submit that Minemier does not disclose or suggest any of these claimed features, especially the combination of these features recited in Claims 23, 29 and 32. Therefore, independent Claims 23, 29 and 32 are patentable over Minemier, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects Claims 24, 31 and 34 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Minemier and further in view of Guha et al. (US 5,739,545). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Claim 31 has been canceled. Claims 24 and 34 are dependent claims and are patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new Claims 41-51 herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims read on the elected species. Further, independent Claims 41-43 contain more than one of the features discussed above for independent Claims 23, 29 and 32. As explained above, these features are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, and Claims 41-51 are allowable over the cited references. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that these claims be entered and allowed.

If any fee is due for these claims, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Conclusion

For at least the above-stated reasons, the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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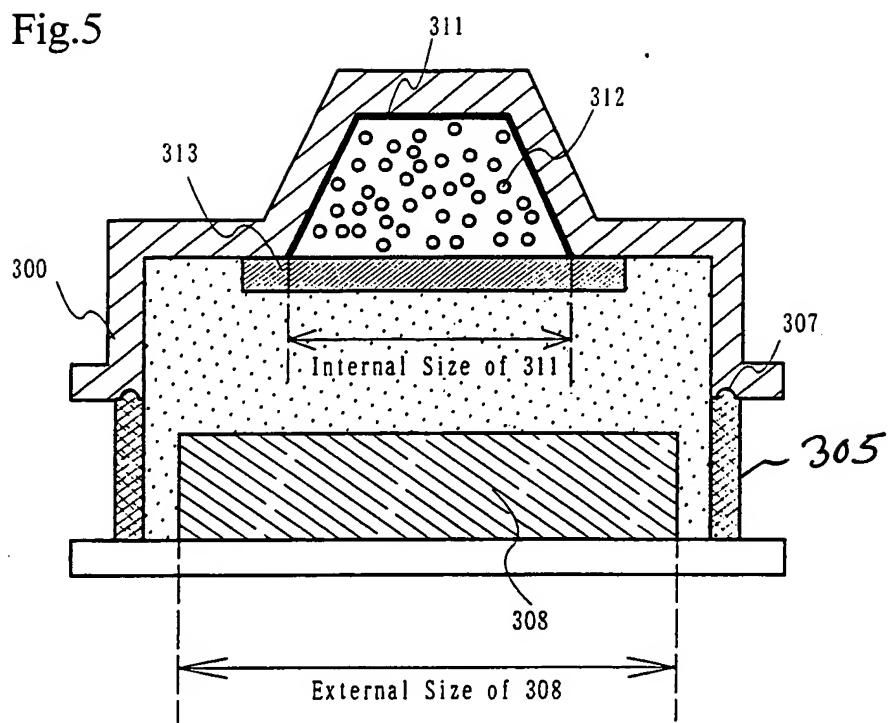
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Fig.5



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Fig.11A

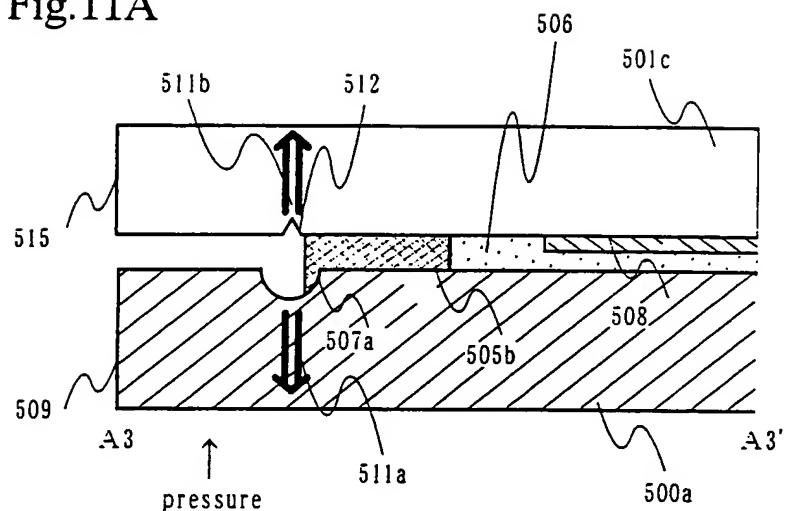


Fig.11B

